



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

- WHEREAS: The Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. During the era of the Holocaust, German authorities also targeted other groups including Roma, Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents for oppression, destruction or decimation; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust was established to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and to promote public understanding of its history. The Commission encourages reflection upon the moral questions raised by this unprecedented event and the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust has designated "Choosing to Act: Resistance During the Holocaust" as the theme of the 2017 Georgia Days of Remembrance. This week offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- WHEREAS: We should rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society, while working to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs; and
- WHEREAS: The Days of Remembrance provide citizens across the state with an opportunity to remember the victims and honor the survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the Holocaust; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 23–30, 2017, as HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE in Georgia and encourage citizens to honor the victims of the Holocaust and remember the principles for which we stand.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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